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Dear Wes

Motion to Stockton Council – Health and Care Innovation Zone

I know how aware you are of our need for a new hospital to replace North Tees and I appreciate that you were able to visit it not so long ago.

The ambition locally has moved up a notch – in fact many notches – and could result in the creation of a centre of excellence in the shape of a Health and Care Innovation Zone.

The Council, across the political divide, back the motion enclosed – and I know from the briefings I have received that there are a number of workstreams already making good progress.

I have written at the request of the Council to the Secretary of State (copy enclosed) encouraging him to engage with the project but felt that given the close proximity of the general election, it was important that you too were up to speed.

To that end, I would be pleased to facilitate a visit to the Council and partners so you can build your understanding and see a way to supporting the project.

Thank you – I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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